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PRESIDENT WILSON'S RE-ELECTION IS NOW PRACTICALLY ASSURED

With Only 48 Precincts Missing the President's Plurality in California is 2,900

269 ELECTORAL VOTES IN DEMOCRATIC COLUMN

Conceding West Virginia, New Hampshire and Minnesota to Mr. Hughes, the Republican Presidential Nominee Would Have 259 Votes, Seven Less Than the Required Majority—With 272 Votes in Sight President Wilson Has Six to Spare for a Possible Split of Electors in California or a Sudden Reversal in New Mexico—Secretary Tumulty Sends Radio Message to President Wilson, Who is on the Yach Mayflower, Informing Him of Victory—Hughes and Wilson Decline to Comment on the Situation.

New York, Nov. 9.—President Wilson has carried California and has been re-elected.

Fifty hours after the polls closed in California, Republican Chairman Rowell conceded the state to the president. Thus the thirteen votes needed to assure the president a majority in the electoral college dropped into the democratic column and apparently ended the suspense and anxiety of an election which has been unparalleled in American political history.

Republican Chairman Wilcox, when informed that the president had carried California, only replied: "I have nothing to say."

Tumulty Sends Wireless.

Secretary Tumulty, at the summer White House at Shadow Lawn, sent the news by wireless to President Wilson on board the yacht Mayflower en route to Rhinecliff, N. Y.

The California returns showed that with only 48 districts missing the president's plurality in the state was 2970.

Barling some wholly unexpected turnover in the incomplete states leaning toward Wilson, or a change on a recount, California's acquisition to the democratic column gave the president 269 electoral votes without New Mexico's three. In New Mexico at midnight the president was leading by 2834 votes with 158 districts missing and it was not believed this advantage could be overcome by Mr. Hughes.

How Hughes Stands.

Conceding West Virginia, New Hampshire and Minnesota to Mr. Hughes—and he was in the lead in all three—only gives him 259 votes, seven less than the required majority. With 272 votes in sight President Wilson had six to spare for a possible split of electors in California or a sudden reversal in New Mexico.

Prepared For Legal Proceedings.

At public national committee headquarters it was admitted after conferences between George W. Wick-

erham, former attorney-general of the United States, Everett Colby of New Jersey, Mr. Hughes, Chairman Wilcox and George W. Perkins of New York, preparations were being made to begin legal proceedings for recounts in states where the results were close.

Chairman Wilcox included California, New Mexico, North Dakota, New Hampshire and Minnesota in his list of states where recounts undoubtedly would be demanded.

Democratic headquarters was not behind the republicans in preparing for legal developments. Chairman McCormick conferred with Alton B. Parker, former chief of the democratic party, Morgan J. O'Brien, Delaware, and John B. Stachfield, all prominent New York lawyers. It was evident that if the election was to be taken into the courts the legal giants of both parties were being marshaled for such a battle royal as the United States never has seen.

200,000 Popular Plurality.

In an official statement the democratic national committee claimed 272 votes for President Wilson and a popular plurality of from 200,000 to 300,000.

"To say there will be a contest," declared the statement, "is an insult to the intelligence of the American people."

It probably will still be another day before the full results are known from all of the four states left in the doubtful column and certainly not until there has been an official count in New Hampshire and possibly in Minnesota. As Mr. Hughes is leading in Minnesota and West Virginia and a change in these states could in no wise affect the result there may be no demand for extraordinary haste to bring about the recount demanded.

Practically all the states where the result is close are carried in the Hughes' column and for that reason the democrats profess to be not apprehensive that any overturning could come from a recount.

POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT				1912				1916			
				Wilson, D.	Taft, R.	Roosevelt, P.	Other	Wilson, D.	Taft, R.	Hughes, R.	Other
Alabama	82,438	9,741	22,689	12	..	..	..	12	..	..	..
Arizona	10,324	2,953	6,949	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Arkansas	68,828	24,467	21,673	9	..	..	..	9	..	..	..
California	283,436	3,914	283,510	2	..	..	..	13	..	..	..
Colorado	114,232	68,386	72,306	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
Conn.	74,561	68,324	34,129	7	..	..	..	7	..	..	..
Delaware	22,631	15,997	8,886	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Florida	36,417	4,279	4,535	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
Idaho	38,921	32,810	25,527	14	..	..	..	14	..	..	..
Georgia	93,076	5,191	21,980	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Illinois	404,399	253,446	386,393	29	..	..	..	29	..	..	..
Indiana	231,890	151,267	162,007	15	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
Iowa	136,325	119,805	161,819	13	..	..	..	13	..	..	..
Kansas	143,653	74,845	120,210	10	..	..	..	10	..	..	..
Kentucky	219,534	115,512	102,766	13	..	..	..	13	..	..	..
Louisiana	60,966	3,834	9,323	10	..	..	..	10	..	..	..
Maine	51,113	26,545	48,495	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
Maryland	112,074	64,956	57,789	8	..	..	..	8	..	..	..
Mass.	174,315	156,129	142,375	18	..	..	..	18	..	..	..
Michigan	160,751	152,244	214,584	15	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
Minnesota	106,426	64,334	125,856	12	..	..	..	12	..	..	..
Miss.	57,227	1,595	3,645	10	..	..	..	10	..	..	..
Missouri	330,746	207,821	124,371	18	..	..	..	18	..	..	..
Montana	27,941	18,512	22,456	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Nebraska	109,008	54,216	72,689	8	..	..	..	8	..	..	..
Nevada	7,986	3,198	5,620	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
N. Hampshire	24,724	32,927	17,794	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
New Jersey	178,559	89,047	145,674	14	..	..	..	14	..	..	..
New Mexico	20,437	17,733	8,347	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
New York	635,475	455,428	390,021	45	..	..	..	45	..	..	..
N. Carolina	144,545	29,272	70,144	12	..	..	..	12	..	..	..
N. Dakota	29,555	23,090	25,726	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
Ohio	423,152	277,066	229,327	24	..	..	..	24	..	..	..
Oklahoma	119,156	90,786	..	10	..	..	..	10	..	..	..
Oregon	47,064	34,673	37,600	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Penn.	395,819	273,606	147,428	38	..	..	..	38	..	..	..
R. I.	20,412	27,703	16,878	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
S. Carolina	48,587	536	1,293	9	..	..	..	9	..	..	..
S. Dakota	48,962	..	6,811	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Tennessee	135,426	60,674	64,941	12	..	..	..	12	..	..	..
Texas	219,489	29,680	26,745	20	..	..	..	20	..	..	..
Utah	26,579	42,100	24,174	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Vermont	15,864	22,832	22,132	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Virginia	90,232	22,238	21,777	12	..	..	..	12	..	..	..
Washington	86,640	74,046	113,698	8	..	..	..	8	..	..	..
W. Virginia	112,045	56,667	78,977	7	..	..	..	7	..	..	..
Wisconsin	164,228	130,695	62,460	13	..	..	..	13	..	..	..
Wyoming	15,510	14,560	9,232	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Totals	6,297,099	3,498,399	4,124,959	435	8	88	286	269	27	..	..

Total electoral vote, 531; necessary for a choice, 268.

Cabled Paragraphs

Three British Steamers Sunk.
London, Nov. 9, 7.48 p. m.—Lloyds announces that the British steamers Sheldrake, Corries and Sunnyside have been sunk.

REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ABOUT EVENLY DIVIDED

Thus Far the Democrats Have Elected 215 Members—Republicans 211.

New York, Nov. 9.—Congressional election returns, which were nearly complete tonight, assure President Wilson, for the forthcoming administration a democratic senate but, with five districts still undecided, the best that the democrats could claim at midnight was a plurality of four votes in the house.

On the basis of revised returns the democrats have elected 215 members of the house and the republicans 211. In addition there have been elected one independent, one socialist, one progressive and one conservative protectionist. Four districts in West Virginia, two of them normally democratic and two republican, and one district in New Mexico, are still undecided. If these districts do go to the democrats, the republican majority in the house will be 217 and the republicans 214, plurality of only three. As there will be four members of other minority parties a working majority for the democrats is improbable unless some of the minority members should choose to cast their vote with the administration forces.

Democratic Senate.

The senate, according to latest figures, will consist of 64 democrats and 42 republicans, a majority of 12. The democratic majority in the present senate is 16. The only development in the senate situation today was the strongly indicated election of A. A. Jones, the democratic candidate in New Mexico, who was leading his republican opponent, Frank A. Hubbell, by a majority which democratic leaders regarded as safe.

An unusual feature of the result is the election of the first woman to congress, Miss Jeannette Rankin, republican, apparently having been elected in Montana.

How House is Divided.

The house, according to the latest returns, will be divided politically as follows:

	Rep.	Dem.	Others
Alabama	10	..	..
Arizona	1	..	..
Arkansas	7	..	..
California	1	..	..
Colorado	1	..	..
Connecticut	4	..	..
Florida	4	..	..
Georgia	12	..	..
Illinois	2	..	..
Indiana	9	..	..
Iowa	10	..	..
Kansas	2	..	..
Kentucky	2	..	..
Louisiana	7	..	..
Maine	4	..	..
Maryland	2	..	..
Michigan	12	..	..
Mississippi	8	..	..
Missouri	2	..	..
Montana	1	..	..
Nebraska	1	..	..
New Hampshire	3	..	..
Nevada	1	..	..
New Mexico	9	..	..
New York	26	16	dl
North Carolina	10	..	..
Ohio	9	13	..
Oklahoma	6	..	..
Oregon	3	..	..
Rhode Island	2	..	..
South Carolina	7	..	..
Tennessee	2	..	..
Texas	18	..	..
Utah	2	..	..
Virginia	1	9	..
Washington	4	1	..
West Virginia	4	1	..
Wisconsin	11	..	..
Wyoming	1	..	..

Five doubtful, two progressives, one socialist and one independent.

Only possible chance for the democrats to obtain a majority in the house will be the election of democrats in all of the five doubtful districts. This would give them 220 and a majority over all of five.

Until a late hour the democrats had a plurality of six and a possible one, but late returns from New Jersey, indicating the defeat of Representative Thomas J. Scully changed the result. Scully apparently has been defeated by Robert Carson, republican, with only three precincts missing the vote. Scully's lead was 22,213 to 22,213 for Carson, a majority of 88.

WIRELESS MESSAGE TELLS WILSON OF HIS VICTORY.

Secretary Tumulty Sends His Congratulations by Radio.

Anbry Park, N. J., Nov. 9, 11.30 p. m.—Secretary Tumulty wired formal notification to the president of his re-election. The message was wireless to the president aboard the Mayflower. It was as follows:

"I am here surrounded by the loyal democrats of Old Monmouth and beg leave to send you our greeting and congratulations. The cause you have so nobly represented has at last triumphed and we greet you. Our hearts, our thoughts and our affections go to you."

Secretary Tumulty waited for the flash from The Associated Press that President Wilson had carried California. When it came a shout of joy went up inside the executive offices and Secretary Tumulty, who had told the president he would not congratulate him until the definite news was known, broke into a smile and congratulated him.

French Rebuff German Attack

HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT AT SA-ILLY-SAINT-GERMAIN

PRF MACKENSEN GIVES GERMAN VIEW

The Russo-Rumanian Forces Are Preparing For a Great Offensive in the Dobruja Region.

In a fierce hand-to-hand combat the French and German troops met at Saillly-Saint-Germain, a village on the border of the French and German zone of occupation. The fighting was a desperate one, the French being driven back by the Germans. The fighting was a desperate one, the French being driven back by the Germans.

HUGHES SPENT YESTERDAY STUDYING ELECTION RETURNS

Held Conference With Wilcox and Others of Campaign Committee.

New York, Nov. 9.—Charles E. Hughes spent today much as he did yesterday, studying election returns. The nominee and his wife remained indoors all day except for a two hour motor ride in the afternoon, but decided to relax the vigilance of their watch tonight and went to a theatre.

Mr. Hughes' day was punctuated by conferences with William R. Wilcox, George W. Wickham and Everett Colby and George W. Perkins of the republican campaign committee. Mr. Wilcox assured the nominee of his conviction that full returns would be made by the republican campaign committee. To this Mr. Perkins added assurances that California, Minnesota and New Mexico undoubtedly would be carried by the republican party.

Mr. Wickham declined to comment on his visit to the nominee, as he was present merely as a "volunteer helper."

Mr. Wilcox, on leaving said he was probably the only man in all the states where the vote was close and that he would do all that was necessary "to safeguard our interests."

For the first time in three nights, the personal staff of the nominee was instructed to get a full night's rest. Mr. Hughes dismissed them all when he went to the theatre and returning to his room he turned on the radio and listened to the news.

CONVENTION OF NATIONAL CONSUMERS' LEAGUE

To be Held at Springfield, Mass., Nov. 15th and 16th.

Springfield, Nov. 9.—The convention of the National Consumers' League will be held Nov. 15 and 16. It marks a quarter century since the organization of the New York League, the first in this country. The Massachusetts branch was organized nineteen years ago. Secretary of War Baker will preside at the sessions here.

No other state has so many manufacturers as Massachusetts on the "approved list" of the league. There are fifty leagues in eighteen different states, besides those in Belgium, France, Switzerland and Germany.

A joint conference with the New England committee on the eight-hour day was held here today. The telephone, paper and garment trades will urge the need of the shorter work day.

HUGHES IS GAINING IN WEST VIRGINIA

Practically All Missing Districts Are Located in the Mountains.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 9.—During the last 24 hours Hughes continued to maintain a lead in the neighborhood of 2,000, but early tonight when remote districts began to come in the vote for Hughes was further increased.

Practically all the missing districts now are located in the mountains, where communication is difficult. In many instances there are no telephones and in several, no railroads, trolleys, telephone or telegraph. These precincts are located in the mountains, where communication is difficult. In many instances there are no telephones and in several, no railroads, trolleys, telephone or telegraph. These precincts are located in the mountains, where communication is difficult. In many instances there are no telephones and in several, no railroads, trolleys, telephone or telegraph.

Germany to Favor a Lasting Peace

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG

GIVES GERMAN VIEW

Asserts That Germany Will Honestly Cooperate in Every Endeavor to Bring About Permanent Peace.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—(By Wireless to Saillly.)—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg announced today that after the ending of the war Germany would co-operate in an endeavor to find a practical means of securing a lasting peace by means of an international league.

Referring to the question of an international league, he said:

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CUMMINGS NOT PREPARED TO NAME INDIVIDUAL

In His Charge of Excessive Use of Money in Fairfield County.

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 9.—Homer S. Cummings, state's attorney for Fairfield county today announced that he will cause an investigation to be made by a popular jury and in the event of a finding of excessive use of money and excessive employment of election workers in the county, Mr. Cummings was the democratic candidate for United States senator.

Connecticut gave a little less than 6,000 plurality for Hughes, about 4,000 of which came from Fairfield county, where Mr. Cummings is state's attorney. The county is a large industrial community, in which democratic leaders had predicted a Wilson majority. It is alleged by the democrats that throughout the county a large number of persons were illegally employed in connection with the election and large sums of money were expended in the interest of the republican candidates.

Mr. Cummings said later that he was not prepared to present to name any individual in his charges, nor would he say what form the investigation would take. He had evidence, he said, that was given in the investigation to conditions in that city.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT.

Claims Wilson Has Carried Country by Popular Plurality of 200,000.

New York, Nov. 9.—The democratic national committee gave out the following statement after the result in California became known:

"The president has carried the country by a popular majority of 200,000 to 300,000. With an electoral vote of 272 absolutely sure, and with West Virginia, New Mexico and New Hampshire still in the balance, there will be any contest is an insult to the intelligence of the American people."

There is nothing to add to our statements previously made. We have claimed the re-election of President Wilson since early Tuesday, we knew we had it. We have been fighting especially for the western states.

Walter Reid, a foreman for the Elizabeth, N. J., Gas Light Co., was held in \$1,000 bond for pleading guilty to a charge of looting gas meters.

Steam railroads in the United States for the month of August earned \$109,823,241. Railway operating revenues were \$122,645,374 and expenses \$203,251,895.

The department of commerce reports the exports of cotton in the week ended Nov. 4 at 209,009 bales, against 112,932 bales in the same week last year.

The board of education of New Jersey is considering